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## WELCOME FRESHMAN:

The Res Gestae would like to join the ranks of those welcoming incoming freshmen and to take this opportunity to wish all of you the best of luck. Indications are that the class of '67 will be one of the largest on the quad in recent years. We would also like to welcome back all of our old and loyal readers--for whom, we are sure, this journal is the weekly high point.

Things have been hectic as usual during this Registration Week. To find out how hectic, we followed one student around last Tuesday. At 7:30 he was outside of room 200, waiting to classify. At 8:30, the doors opened and he was told that he had to pick up his registrationnaire first; hence to the tail of a now long line. At 9:45, he was finally again outside of room 200. This time entry was barred because of the lack of the \$10.00 fee receipt. Finally, he did get in, got his election card, filled it out and got faculty approval--after an extended debate over whether or not the fact that his Con Law and I. Law sections were scheduled at the same time was a valid reason for changing sections in one of them. At this point, the guy passing out class cards glanced up at the clock, picked up his cards and announced he would be back after lunch.

Our poor subject was also back after lunch; only to learn that the seminar he wanted was now closed. 45 minutes later, he had finally worked out a schedule that left him with only three 8:00s and two Saturday classes. Shortly before three, he was finally classified. Then, to the Club Book Store, Overbeck's and the Blue Front. One and one-half hours and \$47.28 later only registration and getting his tuition loan renewed lay ahead.

## SOME PURELY PAROCHIAL INFORMATION:

For the benefit of the freshmen and any others who aren't too sure, a note about what the Res Gestae is all about. As Ann Arbor's leading law school weekly, the Gestae attempts to inform members of the quad community of faculty and student doings, provide organizations with a means of communicating forthcoming events to the student body and faculty, voice recommendations and opinions regarding life in the Law School and provide the editor with a means of killing Thursday afternoons.

It is our feeling that this paper's primary function is to serve the students. To further this purpose, we encourage your contributions, corrections, recommendations and criticisms. If in good taste and written with an awareness of our limitations of space, we will publish all such matter, unless otherwise requested. If you have anything that you would like to call to our attention, the address is Res Gestae, 307 Hutchins Hall and the phone number is 668-8277.

Now a plea for assistance: While any student is free to submit a contribution, we are looking for persons interested and willing to write for the paper on a regular basis. Everyone's an editor and there are no wastebaskets to empty. This is the opportunity to add to your list of published works. We also need a cartoonist. If you're the type who is likely to sleep through an "Intro" lecture, who regards wearing sunglasses into the library as approaching the height of ridiculousness (second only to library orientation), who enjoys reading racy Torts cases or who regards 8:00 classes by certain professors as constituting cruel and unusual punishment, then you may be the one we've been looking for. Don't delay, contact the Res Gestae today. You supply the imagination, we'll supply the rest.

IN MEMORIAM:

We note with sadness the passing, last May, of Ralph W. Aigler, professor emeritus. Professor Aigler began his career at the Law School as an instructor in 1908. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1910 and full professor in 1912. He held this position with honor and distinction for the next 42 years. After his retirement in 1954, Prof. Aigler taught at Hastings College of Law and then at the University of Arizona.

It was announced this summer that Prof. Aigler has been honored by the creation of a memorial loan fund to give assistance to law students. "We think this a most appropriate memorial," Dean Smith stated, "for a man whose long career was so influential in legal education and whose devotion to the training of lawyers was so complete. Few, if any, law teachers have taught more students than did Ralph Aigler in his fifty-four years of teaching and his constant concern was their development."

REED NEW DEAN OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL:

A belated amendment to last spring's announcement of faculty changes is the announcement of the appointment of Prof. John W. Reed, a faculty member for fifteen years, as Dean of the School of Law of the University of Colorado. On leave to Yale Law School during the 1963-64 academic year, Reed was to have returned to Ann Arbor this fall. He is a graduate of William Jewell College, Cornell University School of Law and Columbia University School of Law.

A full professor at Michigan since 1953, his teaching activities were primarily in the areas of procedure and taxation. He was active in local civic and church affairs, a past chairman of the University's Board in Control of Student Publications, a trustee of Kalamazoo College and faculty advisor to the Lawyers Club. In commenting on the Colorado appointment, Dean Smith said, "We are very sorry to lose the services of such an excellent teacher as John Reed. We wish him well in his new capacity where we know he will do an outstanding job."

JULIN DISCUSSES THE LAWYER'S POSITION AS FAMILY COUNSEL:

Professor Joseph R. Julin, speaking on a University radio program earlier this summer, discussed the attorney's ever expanding roll as family counsel. He noted that lawyers today recognize the human element in every dispute and are becoming counselors, psychiatrists and clergymen as well as legal experts. In coming months, Julin reported, the organized Bar will publish material designed to project the lawyer as a helpful family legal counselor.

"Today people associate a lawyer with trouble," Julin said, "a person to be called only reluctantly. But a lawyer can and should be called upon to help in many problems which are not strictly legal. Consultation from time to time with a family counselor is like taking out automobile insurance even though a person has never had an accident. It is a protective measure. Even in this age of legal specialization a lawyer can still be a general family counselor," he added. "This is something you will read more and more about in the months to come. Like the deodorant which advertizes that it takes the worry out of being close, a family legal counselor can take the worry out of being."

LIBEL AND SLANDER:

I was distressed to learn recently that while Overbeck's was selling the Tax 1-A casebook (with supplement) at \$6.00 new and \$4.50 used, the Law Club Bookstore was charging as much as \$9.50 for used copies (often without supplement). The fact that such pricing inequities do exist, however infrequent they may be, is cause for a re-evaluation of the Club Store's pricing policies. It has been largely financed with student monies; given the tremendous advantage of its privileged location; and operated with official and quasi-official sanction. These sanctions have, impliedly if not expressly, conveyed to the students the apparently false claim that the Club Store offers unmatched bargains. That a substantial number of students accepted this claim in good faith is born out by the fact that the Club Store has cleared its shelves of its Tax 1-A books while Overbeck's still has a number of the lower priced new copies in stock. If, as I believe, the Club Store is designed to operate as a means of providing law students with their books at the lowest possible price, then it must re-evaluate its method of pricing its books in order to fulfill this policy. Unless the store is prepared to act with an awareness of the conditions in the market within which it exists, rather than pursuing an arbitrary and inflexible pricing policy, it will serve to amplify rather than remedy the burden of textbook expenses. If it is not prepared to re-evaluate its policies, those who give official sanction to its operation have an obligation to make this fact known to the students.

Hadley V. Baxendale

MISCELLANEOUS:

Last year, a seemingly irresistible drive for all the Professional Fraternity Intramural League marbles by the Law Club was stopped cold by the most unbeatable of competitors, Final Exams. This year, that problem has been reduced by a schedule which calls for more action in the fall and winter and less in the spring. Notices regarding the first four sports--Softball, Tennis, Golf and Football--will appear shortly. However, waiting is not required. So call Ted Heimer, in K-13. Do it today.

AT THE FLICKS:

Campus: "Cartouche"

Michigan: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

State: "A Shot in the Dark"

Cinema Guild: Friday, "Torment" -- Saturday, "Tobacco Road"

QUADSVILLE QUOTES:

Laws are self-imposed restrictions which are too unpopular to be effective without cops.

— B. C.

Judicial reform is no sport for the short winded.

— A. T. Vanderbilt